

Schoharie County 4-H CHRONICLE

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Volunteering At the Sunshine Fair

Schoharie County Sunshine Fair August 5-10

The 4-H Program is looking for volunteers to help make the Sunshine Fair a huge success. If you would like to volunteer or if you have any questions, please call Eileen at 518-234-4303 or 518-296-8310.

Ice Cream Booth: The Ice Cream Booth will be open Thurs – Sun from 12 noon to 8 pm in the youth building.

Supervisors- Adult supervisors are needed to monitor and maintain the ice cream booth. Shifts are noon-4pm or 4pm -8 pm. Supervisors will receive a day pass.

Scoopers- teams of scoopers are needed for the ice cream booth. At least 3 youth and one adult are required per 2 hour shift. Adult scoopers and youth over 12 years old will receive a day pass at ½ price per 2 hour shift.

Animal Shows

Show Clerks: We need adults who can clerk for rabbit, poultry, goat or horse. Show clerks help keep track of awards in the official show book. Some knowledge of animals shows is helpful. Show clerks will receive a day pass for entry to the fair.

Show helpers: Show helpers assist with ribbons and trophies and run errands when necessary. No experience is required. This is a great way to learn about exhibiting an animal. Show helpers under 12 do not need a day pass, as admission is free. Show helpers over the age of 12 will receive a day pass at ½ price.

Non Animal Exhibits and Youth Building

Evaluators: Evaluators are needed for non animal exhibits. Anyone familiar with exhibiting baked goods, arts and crafts, flowers or vegetables, or natural resources is encouraged to contact the 4-H office to volunteer for judging day on Sunday August 3. Evaluators are treated to a spectacular brunch starting at 11 am and judging takes place in the Youth Building on the fairgrounds from 12 noon to 4:30. Judges are paid a stipend by the Cobleskill Agricultural Society.

Youth Building Set Up: Volunteers are needed to help get the Youth Building ready for exhibits. Work begins on or before July 30. Help is especially needed on Monday August 4. Adult helpers and helpers over 12 will receive ½ price day passes.

Youth Building Take Down: Help is needed to dismantle the exhibits in the Youth Building on Monday August 13 from 9 am—1 pm.

Special Needs Chest Freezer for Ice Cream Booth- minimum 8cu ft max 15 cu ft.

Get Ready For Fair Season

Rabbit Clinics

Showmanship Clinic will be held on Thursday, June 26 at 6 pm at the Extension Center in Cobleskill. Anyone who is new to rabbit projects or needs a showmanship refresher should plan to attend. Your instructor will be Genie O'Donnell who was a member of Hop A Lots 4-H Club and has exhibited at the Sunshine Fair for several years. Please RSVP so we have enough handouts by calling Cornell Cooperative Extension at 518-234-4303.

Otsego County is also hosting a rabbit clinic on Saturday July 12 at 1pm at the Morris Fairgrounds. RSVP is required by calling OTSEGO COUNTY 4-H at 607-547-2536.

If you cannot make either of these dates, and want some help before the Sunshine Fair, call the 4-H Office at 518-234-4303 and we will schedule additional dates.

ATTENTION POULTRY EXHIBITORS!

Who: BIRDS AT LEAST 4 MONTHS (16 WKS) OLD (WATERFOWL AND PIGEONS EXCLUDED)

What: PULLORUM TESTING

When: MONDAY, JUNE 23rd,
FROM 6:00pm to 8:00pm

Where: COBLESKILL FAIRGROUNDS

Why: REQUIREMENT TO EXHIBIT AT THE COUNTY AND STATE FAIRS

How (many): UP TO 15-20 BIRDS

CALL 518-457-5558 to apply for a complete flock test

Plan ahead so you won't be left out of the fair!

THERE WILL BE NO TESTING AT THE FAIR

The Schoharie County Sunshine Fair

Sunshine Fair Premium Books and Entry Forms are now available on line. Go to www.sunshinefair.org to download books and entry forms. 4-H Exhibits can be found in Department 11. If you need a hard copy of the Fair book, please call the 4-H office and we will print one off for you to pick up.

NEED HELP with your entry forms? 4-H Staff are available on Monday, June 23, Tuesday June 24, and Thurs. June 26 starting at 6pm to help you complete your entry. Other times are available by appointment. Please call us if you have any questions or problems.

DUE DATE: Entry forms must be returned to the Sunshine Fair Office, located on the Cobleskill Fairgrounds by July 3. Download OPEN ENTRY forms for Junior Department Exhibits.

Attention State Fair Animal Exhibitors

There are changes to the entry process for the NYS Fair. Entry forms for Animal Exhibitors are downloadable from the NYS Fair website or through the Cornell Animal Science web page http://www.ansci.cornell.edu/4H/nysfair_info.html. Entry forms are available NOW! **Entry Forms should be downloaded and submitted to the 4-H Office by Friday August 1.**

If you need a hard copy printed for you, please call the 4-H office and give us at least one day's notice to get the forms ready for you.



Mathilda Scott, Ella Scott, Ruth Johansen and Rianna Schneider are dressed for surgery in the Teddy Bear E. R. during the visit to the Annual Open House at the Cornell School of Veterinary Medicine.

Please send Club updates and information to the 4-H Office by the 15th of each month. Email to: Schoharie@cornell.edu; mail to 173 s. grand st. Cobleskill, NY 12043 or fax to 518-234-4305.

4-H Club News

Thundering Hooves- May 27th 2008

Here is an update about our club. Early May, we donated a basket to The Community Library in Cobleskill for the yearly Basket Raffle held by the Friends of The Community Library to help raise money for the library and events that they are planning. Also, the club had an exciting riding day on May 17 at an indoor arena in Gallupville with a demonstration from the President of the Eastern Mountain Ranch Horse Asc. and her daughter. They showed us different ways to go through obstacles in a trail class, how to rope a cow, whether you're riding a horse or standing on the ground, and how to track cows! We used pretend cows by putting plastic cow heads on sawhorses and hay bales. It was a great experience and the club is excited to test out their trail skills at Pre-Fair Evaluation Day and also the Fair! We hope sometime in the future to use what we were taught about roping and tracking on real cows! Emily Breitbach, Secretary of the Thundering Hooves

4-H AfterSchool News- Ryder Elementary

Excerpts from the May, 2008 edition of News Mania, Brittany Dymes, President, Hailey Terk, Vice President, Brooke Czechowski, Natasha Sachs, Allie Walter, Jake Willwerth, columnists; Nick Palmatier and Haily Terk, reporters, Gabe Warner, Breanna Benoit, Naiela Kooyoomjian, Sydney Dymes, Morgan Tyrrell, editors.

Come see the Rising Star Drama Cub production of Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory on June 13 at 7pm in the Golding Theater.

Animal Club with Ms. Gravina has made mini animals out of pom poms and other materials.

Clay Club has made their own clay beads: $\frac{3}{4}$ cup flour; $\frac{1}{2}$ cup salt; $\frac{1}{2}$ cup cornstarch; warm water

The Little Chef's in Cooking Club with Ms. Mereness made taco munch and dessert nachos.

NewsMania Club with Ms. Wayman and Ms. Maggs made pop up books, collages, tissue paper flowers for mothers day and new pages for the newspaper.

Woodworking Club with Mr. Putriment made birdhouses and painted them, then they hung them up around the school.

Introducing PawsAbility By Morgan Kraemer

Our dog 4-H club is called PawsAbility. We bring our dog every meeting to show people what our dog looks like. So far Angie brought her dog buddy, Lily brought daisy, Morgan brought Sam and Kelly brought Lincoln. Our 4-H dog club has voted on a club logo, color shirt and the whether the logo should be on the front or the back. Our logo is a handprint with a pawprint in the hand and a bone that says, "PawsAbility 4-H Club. The shirt is blue with the logo on the back and a clover on the front. Our members are Lily Kocher, Angie Adamovich, Kelly Parker, Morgan Kraemer, Carly Diamond, Sylvi Diamond, Nicholas Vasta and our leader is Stormi Reilly. PawsAbility is thinking about a community service project. We are thinking of doing a carwash.

PawsAbility News Update by Angie Adamovich

We met on May 22 2008. We had 5 club members in attendance along with 5 adults. Carly brought her dog Max for everyone to meet. She talked about what Max can do and where she got him from as a puppy. We began work on our banner and our display board for the Fair exhibit. Our next meeting will be on Wednesday June 4 6 pm. We will meet at the Fairgrounds with all of our dogs to begin some obedience training in preparation for the Fair.

Animal Crackers Trip- by Tilda Scott

On May 5, 2008 the Scotts went to Animal Crackers at Cornell University. There were two groups and we went to the dairy group. We learned about the cow's stomach, what the cows eat, what you should feed a newborn cow, how many dairy servings you should have each day, and about the rumen (the cow's first stomach). On our way out we stopped at the Dairy Bar. It was a great day.

Cornell Vet School Open House, by Ella Scott

On April 12, 2008 a group of 4-H'ers went to the Vet School Open House at Cornell University located In Ithaca. After a very long trip we got there. Some of the highlights of this amazing trip were: dressing up in surgeons clothes, seeing animals from piglets to a huge 2 humped camel, getting to see a real cow stomach, and topping the day off with ice cream. I thought this day was a memorable experience. I hope to go next year and that more 4-H'ers that are interested in animals join along.

The 4-H Chronicle is published monthly by Cornell Cooperative Extension of Schoharie County. 4-H members, club leaders and volunteers are encouraged to submit activity reports by the 15th of each month. Submissions can be emailed to Schoharie@cornell.edu. or mailed or hand delivered to 173 S. Grand St. Cobleskill, NY 12043.

Your 4-H Staff

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More Geocaching

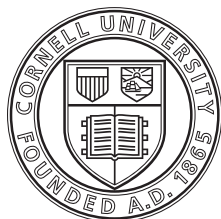
Join Eileen and the Schoharie County Youth Bureau for a series of Geocaching Adventures.

June 26- Landis Arboretum, 9:00 to 12:00

July 14- Day Hike, Thacher Park, Albany County, 9:00 to 3:00

July 23- Minekill Park, 9:00 to 12:00

For more details as well as registration and payment information contact the Schoharie County Youth Bureau at 518-234-2686.



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